

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

It is asserted that these amendments do not add new matter and are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. Entry of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 27-52 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Claims 27-52 are kept unchanged.

Claims 27-52 are pending in the application.

Applicant elects, without traverse, polymer (i) obtained by polymerising monomer (I) and (II'), wherein (I) is maleic acid and (II') is diisobutylene (2,4,4-trimethyl-1-pentene), as a water soluble or water dispersible compound of the granules. The elected polymer corresponds to the polymer named Geroxon T 36 which is more particularly defined on page 18, lines 7-20 and used in the examples of the instant specification.

Claims 27, 29-32, 34, 39 and 42-52 are readable upon the elected species.

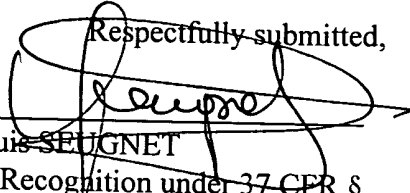
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AMENDMENT

Should the Examiner have any question concerning these elections and remarks that would further advance prosecution of the claims to allowance, the examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (609) 860-4180. A notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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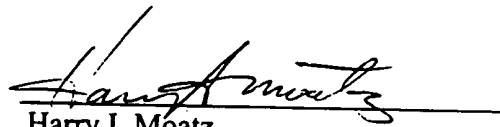
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